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Drunken juvenile slams car into tree

Speeding auto crashes at CSUS — one injured



The crashed car (above) is the result of an accident involving an intoxicated juvenile. Several cars lay

damaged in the residence hall parking lot (right) after being hit by the speeding car, later towed (far right)

by Sven Beckmann Staff Reporter of *The State Hornet*

January 23 may create bad memories in the minds of three CSUS students as the day when a vehicle struck their cars in the parking lot in front of the residence halls before crashing into a tree.

At 12:15 a.m. Saturday, the Campus Police Department received a report by phone that a vehicle had struck other cars and then crashed into a tree in the dorm parking lot.

Officers immediately responded to the call and observed a Chevrolet Nova at the South end of the parking lot.

The 17-year-old male driver of the car was arrested and taken to Juvenile Hall while his female passenger was taken to Sutter Memorial Hospital with minor head injuries. Their names were not released.

The police officers found a knife, a billy club and a 6-inch plastic "bong," a type of water pipe, and arrested the driver on charges of hit and run, possession of dangerous weapons and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

Sgt. William Huston said that the Chevrolet was speeding at 30 mph through the eastbound lane of the parking lot, entered the westbound lane where it struck three cars belonging to dorm students, and finally crashed into a tree.

Witnesses said that they saw the Chevrolet hit three cars, a 1973 Datsun 240Z, a 1981 Toyota, and a 1970 Datsun pick-up, all of which were parked in front of Jenkins Hall, one of the five Residence Halls on campus. The three parked cars received moderate to minor damage.

The female passenger admitted that she and the driver were under the influence of alcohol.

According to the driver they were just taking "a short cut home."

It is not yet known if there will be any charges filed against the female passenger in the car.



ASI business runs into deficit worries

by Jan Galeazzi Staff Reporter of The State Hornet

Things are tough in the Associated Students Inc., business office.

The office that provides check cashing, typing services, health insurance, travel promotions and other activities for students, appears headed for a deficit of \$23,000 due to significant cost increases and lost revenue.

The business office projected an annual budget of \$250,000, but only received an allocation of \$91,000 from the student senate, according to ASI Executive Director Steve Berlin. To meet operating costs, the business office must generate the difference through business transactions. Berlin

hopes to correct this deficit by "tightening things down, and running things more efficiently."

The deficit is the result of three factors according to ASI Financial Vice President Ken Bollinger. Insurance rates increased "significantly" for the blanket student insurance plan that covers all students on campus. Also, administrative operating fees paid to the university doubled over last year. The business office lost \$29,000 in revenue after eliminating the practice of charging other ASI organizations for business office services.

Since the Dec. 31 mid-year fiscal evaluation, Berlin has been scrutinizing the ASI business operation to find ways to increase revenues, reduce



ASI'S STEVE BERLIN situation not catastrophe

costs and make the office more cost-efficient.

Although the deficit is unprecedented in the history of an ASI organization, Berlin is confident that

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Black student shortage in CSU

by Susan Linne Staff Reporter of *The State Hornet*

JEI-LE ALVIONE

A California Post-secondary Education Commission (CPEC) study has found that black students are underrepresented at the CSU campuses. The report indicates that only 10 percent of black high school graduates meet CSU entrance requirements.

Otis Scott, coordinator of ethnic studies at CSUS, thinks the quality of elementary and high school education is partly responsible for low black student enrollment. Often, minority schools are in high crime areas and are victims of vandalism. Paying for repairs out of the school budget means less money for educational materials.

New admission requirements at CSU may make matters worse. Scott is concerned that secondary schools might not be able to equip themselves soon enough to prepare students for college entrance.

CSUS President Donald Gerth recently addressed problems of low minority enrollment at a meeting of the Sacramento National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He asked for cooperation between CSUS and the NAACP to help solve minority

underrepresentation.

'Scott cited other factors which cause low black enrollment. "Since 30 percent of black Americans are at or below the poverty level, this has an impact on the learning environment and means that black students are often plagued with financial problems," he said.

Blacks and Hispanics are often stereotyped as having learning disabilities too, according to Scott. "I've run across countless black students who had been advised by high school counselors to go to a community college and learn a skill instead of pursuing a university education."

The high drop-out rate among black high-school students is another problem. "I've seen the drop-out rate run as high as 35 to 40 percent," said Scott.

Other discouraging trends include lower percentages of black males entering and graduating from college over the last 20 years and fewer black students going to graduate school, according to Scott.

"We have been socialized to think that the schools will adequately prepare our children for college, but this not always the case," said Scott. He said minority parents need to become more political and involved in the decisions affecting their children's education.

County funds varied drug programs

by Sue Armstrong Staff Reporter of The State Hornet

A little boy in Del Paso Heights sees his sister buy pills from a dealer a block from school. After she takes them, she passes out on the living room floor.

A housewife in Rio Linda recently divorced, takes a



valium to help calm her nerves. Soon she needs six to get

her through a day.

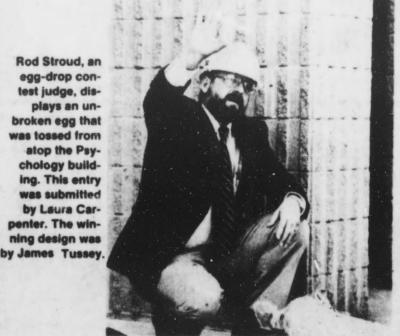
An elderly woman in Land Park takes medicine for high blood pressure and follows it with a cold remedy medication. Soon she has heart palpitations and feels nauseous. In Sacramento County all three people could find help with their problems because the county funds drug programs which target varied drug users.

For the little boy there is the Omni Drug Abuse Program. Started in 1981, this program trains disadvantaged young adults as drug counselors. Currently, four black counselors ranging in age from 17 to 20, who grew up in Sacramento, are going into classrooms in their own neighborhoods to teach youngsters about drugs.

"We're trying to kill two birds with one stone," said Psychologist Jo Danti, who heads the program. "Many of the counselors are potential dropouts. They have to stay in school to be counselors and earn the minimum wage we pay them. The training acts as an incentive for the counselors to stay in school, and they in turn help the younger kids.

"The program is primarily preventive. In the 12-week course the counselor goes into the fourth, fifth and sixth-grade classrooms and teaches the students self-concept, decision and coping skills. It teaches them it's okay to say no, and what to do in situations, say, if an older sister has a party and ends up passed out on the couch."

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Egg-cellent entry drops from on high

by Susan Linne Staff Reporter of The State Hornet

Spectators stepped back as the jello-filled pumpkin entry was announced. After the pumpkin splatted to the ground, the hard-hatted MC said, "the egg did not survive."

The pumpkin was one of 17 entries in the second annual Egg Drop contest held on campus on Feb. 21. The event was sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers.

Contestants designed protective

overings to transport their chicken
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"Seventh graders told us they have seen people shoot up - have seen people OD. These kids are right in the middle of it. They're very aware of it."

Women's Stress Alternatives is the program that can help the housewife who became addicted to valium.

One of six programs in the state which is designed specifically for people addicted to prescription drugs, Women's Stress Alternatives provides six services to help women deal with drug problems.

In-clinic counseling served about 100 women last year and is designed to help women kick drug dependence.

"Most are in treatment six months to a year," said Lucette DeCord, executive director for the program. "In profile they are women who abuse tranquilizers, sedative/hypnotics or amphetamines, usually in combination with alcohol.

"Actually, we serve men to. Elderly and gay men come here because their needs are not addressed in a sensitive way in other programs. We don't turn anyone away."

Two workshop series, "Putting Myself First" and "New Wrinkles," teach younger and older women life skills and provide peer support for women meeting critical life events such as divorce or widowhood.

A fourth program helps the elderly to learn care in the use of drugs and a fifth provides films, lectures and slides about drug dependency to local business organizations such as Bank of America and the Business and Professional Women's Club. "They're not necessarily just women's organizations," said DeCord.

The elderly woman in Land Park might be helped by another of Sacramento's drug programs, the Prevention Effort for the Elderly, which was started last April.

"I found there wasn't any agency except Women's Stress Alternatives which deals with this," said Patricia Bell, program director. "It's a very hidden problem. There is a great deal of denial. 'Not my mother,' people say, or 'At her age it doesn't hurt her to have a little valium.' But what we're looking at is quality of life. The idea is to raise awareness of drug use and misuse among the elderly."

Bell said she presents programs to both the elderly and the people who provide health care for the elderly. Workshops are centered wherever those over 60 gather residential facilities, senior citizens' center and nutrition sites.

Bell said classes inform the elderly on how to take medicines. They teach them that prescribed medicines and over-the-counter medicines may interact. A common drug like aspirin could be a danger, Bell said, to an older person taking a blood thinner like Coumadin. Aspirin also thins the blood, she said, and the two together can cause internal

"The elderly have slower metabolism," said Bell. Valium, which lasts in the body of a 24-year-old man 24 hours, lasts 80 hours in the body of an 80-year-old man.

"Doctors have to see that dosages are adjusted for older folks," Bell said.

Bi-Valley Medical Clinic is a private-profit company which contracts with the county to provide a methadone program. It is the second-largest drug-treatment program in Sacramento County.

Methadone is a synthetic narcotic which the Germans developed during World War II to substitute for cut-off supplies of morphine. Programs which substituted methadone for heroin in the treatment of addicts were started in the United States about 20 years ago. A study done at that time by Rockefeller University in New York showed heroin addicts could lead more normal lives if they were addicted to methadone, rather than heroin.

Sacramento's first experimental methadone program began about 1970. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reviewed experimental programs and approved them for controlled use in 1972. Bi-Valley's program began in 1980.

Last year they treated about 250 people in their long-term program and about 450 in their shorter, 21-day program.

Bi-Valley also has a new drug treatment using naltrexone, a drug approved by the FDA in December. Naltrexone blocks the body's ability to react to opiates. The theory is that if a heroin user cannot get a kick from his heroin he will have little incentive to use it again.

As with all Bi-Valley's programs, the Naltrexone treatment is provided on an outpatient basis. Unlike the methadone program, however, the new drug is not covered by the county contract. People who choose to be on the program must pay for it — about \$225 the first month and \$120 for each successive month.

The Neighborhood Alternative Center is another of the county's drug programs. Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, it helps young adults up to 21 years old and provides family counseling.

Last year the center served 601 drug offenders, only 18 of which were sent to the court because "we couldn't work the problem out," said Eldie Long, program supervisor.

"We see few hard drugs," said Long. "Some cocaine, speed, a new thing they get at the bookstores which they sniff, called blackjack."

Other center programs such as parent-effectiveness training aided 3,000 people last year.

People Reaching Out is a grassroots organization which was formed in 1981 in response to drug use in the parks in Fair Oaks.

"We wished there was a center where we could send families for first-step treatment," said Kathy Hill, executive director of the program.

"I think it's a real painful world right now," said Omni's Danti. "Drugs have become an easy alternative. It's good to have different approaches to taking care of the problems. They're all effective in their own way."

Newswire

Racism in South Africa

The African Club will feature the film "Six Days in Soweto," and a speaker to follow, on apartheid in South Africa. Admission is free for the event scheduled for Friday at 6:45 p.m. in the Placer Room on the third floor of the University Union.

Connelly to speak on Nicaragua

Sacramento Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly will speak about his December trip to Nicaragua Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on the corner of 21st and J streets.

Connelly, a Democrat and CSUS graduate, will share his experience and give recommendations for U.S.-Nicaragua relations.

CSUS students selected as Camellia princesses.

Deborah Penn and Lynn Solomon were among the 10 women selected as princesses for the Camellia Festival Ball scheduled for March 2, 1985. Penn and Solomon are also in the running to be crowned the Camellia Queen of 1985. The announcement will come this weekend at the ball, which is being held in the Thunderbird Ballroom of the Red Lion Inn.

Arms Control and Star Wars

Professor Sidney Drell of Stanford University will deliver a lecture entitled "Arms Control and Star Wars: Prospects and Problems," on Tuesday, March 5, 1985, at the Redwood Room of the University

Union. The lecture is open to the public and will include a brief question and answer period.

Drell is an internationally prominent theoretical physicist and arms control specialist. He is the executive head of theoretical physics, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, and co-director, Stanford Center for International Security and Arms Control. He has been active as advisor to executive and legislative branches of government on national security and detense technical issues since 1960, and has spoken on the subject on numerous occasions, including interviews on major networks.

American/Israeli speaker

Jonathan Kessler, a member of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, will speak on U.S. Middle Eastern policy Tuesday, Feb. 26 at noon in ED 301.

Scholarship now available

Josef Moorehead, department chair of organizational behavior and environment announced that The Western Assembly of Governmental Employees will be awarding a scholarship in the amount of \$500 for students majoring in government or business administration with a concentration in public management.

Applications may be picked up from the Finanacial Aid Office (CTR-102), the department of organizational behavior and environment office, BUS 2028, the government dept. office SS 215. Deadline for submission to the Financial Aid Office is Monday, March 11, at 5 p.m.

CSUS photo available as postcard

by Laurie Gergen

Staff Reporter of The State Hornet

Postcards bearing last October's campus group photo are now available at the information counter in the University Union.

Duane Anderson, director of admissions, originally came up with the idea of a campus group photo for the cover of an information folder about CSUS. The admissions office receives more than 25,000 requests for information packets prior to each semester

The folders are made available solely to prospective new students at 40 cents each. "We can't print enough folders to make them available to all students," Anderson said.

According to Anderson, more than 2,000 students, faculty and campus employees participated in the group photo. Because of the large number of participants, it may be difficult for individuals to locate themselves in the photo, he said.

"I could not even find myself until

some people in the office started going over it with magnifying glasses and pointed out to me where I was in the photo," Anderson said.

The photo is currently part of a contest in which students who can identify themselves in the picture can come into the Registrar's Office in the Student Service Center and pick up a free copy of the folder.

In the meantime, the postcards will enable all students to have a copy of the group photo for 25 cents.

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the budget will balance by the end of the fiscal year in June.

"This situation is not catastrophic," Berlin said, "I am confident by June that once again we'll be in the good. We are having another excellent year, and expect, as we did last year, to finish the year with a comfortable surplus."

Like all student-owned ASI operations, the business office receives its money from the ASI senate. The senate is comprised of 15 student senators elected each year.

Through initiatives and lobbying

efforts, ASI's \$1.2 million budget is divided between 14 student services.

This year, 37 percent of the budget went to business services, 33 percent to the executive programs, 25 percent to ASI contract obligations, and the remainder was divided among grant programs.

Under Title V of the Education Code, the ASI senate receives the bulk of its \$1.2 million budget from the percentage of each student's fees. Presently \$13.50 of the \$325 registration fee goes to ASI.

Eggs

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egg - not hard boiled, please - safely to the ground after being launched from the top of the five-story psychology building. Eight eggs survived the impact.

Entries were judged on egg survival, design of the covering, accuracy in hitting a target of concentric circles on the pavement and size of the container.

James Tussey spent 20 hours to insure a safe ride for his egg. His hard work paid off. Tussey won first place in the event. His sophisticated design used a drafting tube with wings and included a capsule of closed-cell foam and fiberglass for the egg to ride in. The same type of foam was used at the base of the tube to absorb the shock during landing.

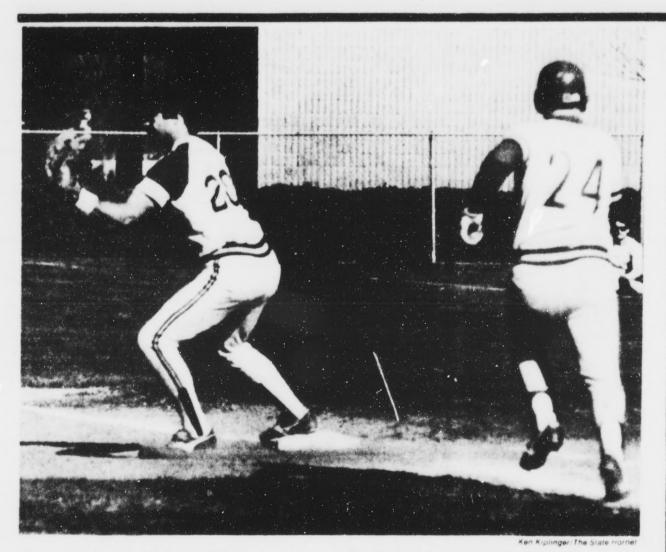
Heavy winds caused problems for some of the contraptions. An egg transport system attached to a small parachute was blown completely off course and smacked into the side of the building. Needless to say, the egg did not end the flight in one piece.

Elvera Petrel was the oldest contestant at age 62 and a retired school teacher. She studies math at CSUS and is a grandmother. Her egg landed intact but because of the light weight of her covering, it was blown away from the target. She had devised a styrofoam case, wrapping the egg in foam rubber, all enclosed in a brown paper bag.

Winner Tussey's prize was a Hewlett-Packard calculator donated by Golden State Business Systems.

Engineering classes clearly pay off. All three of the contestants who placed were engineering majors.





Hornet first baseman Bob Gonzales finishes off a double play in Friday's game against CSC Stanislaus.

The Warriors defeated CSUS 12-6 in that game and took two of the three game series.

Kobza and Nutt provide hitting attack

Brueggemann averts three-game sweep

by Tom McCandless Staff Reporter of The State Hornet

If Robin Hood had a favorite baseball team it would probably be the CSUS squad. The Hornet motto this year seems to be steal from the rich and give to the poor.

CSUS has been beating the good teams - UC Davis (2 out of 3) and Chico State (2 out of 3). The Hornets have also been giving games to less impressive teams such as Sonoma State University and, most recently,

The Warriors visited CSUS on Friday and rolled their way to a 12-6 victory. The Hornets then dropped another to Stanislaus in the first game of a twin bill Saturday, 15-9. Struggling to avoid a series sweep, CSUS managed to hold on and win the nightcap 8-3 behind the fine pitching of Steve Brueggemann (3-0).

Brueggemann survived a shaky start. He gave up three runs on four hits in the first inning, but then settled down and pitched five complete innings of no-hit ball, not allowing another hit until the seventh inning.

In Friday's game, the Hornets took an early 2-0 lead to see it dwindle to a four-run deficit an inning later. Warrior David Hanf sparked a six-run second inning with a basesloaded double. Stanislaus never looked back, racing to a 12-6 win which raised the team's record to 3-7.

On Saturday, everything seemed to be rolling smoothly in the first game until the seventh inning. With two outs already in the book, Stanislaus erupted with 11 runs to wipe out a CSUS 9-4 advantage. Bob Lane picked up the win for the Warriors, while reliever Scott Broyles picked up the loss for the Hornets.

The top hitters for the Hornets in the three-game series were Kevin Kobza and James Nutt. Kobza, the third baseman, slugged eight hits in the first two games with a double, triple and four RBI's. Nutt, who leads the team in home runs, slugged his fourth of the season in the second

Despite the Hornets' fine hitting display, the team as a whole is not playing up to its potential, according

to Head Coach John Smith. He attributes the Hornets 9-9 record to the poor pitching they didn't think

anybody in the nation," Smith said. "but we're not pitching. Unless you get some pitching that can stop the other team from scoring, you're not

DUGOUT NOTES Hornets play University of San Francisco today at 2 p.m. in San Francisco

The leading batter for CSUS is Kobza, who is hitting at a .471 clip (32 hits and 21 RBIs with one strikeout). Bob Crump isn't far behind with a .423 average (22 hits and 16 RBIs, 5-for-5 in stolen bases) ... The Hornets play host to CSU Hayward this Friday in a 2 p.m. game. The Pioneers always field a tough team in

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they would be getting. "Offensively, we can play with

gonna win."

. Mike Schields will not be making any mound appearances for a while due to a slight case of tendonitis. "Anytime vou lose a 10-game winner from the year before, it hurts,"said Smith. Schields' 1985 record is 2-0

Brown to turn program around

by John Andorf Staff Reporter of The State Hornet

It was a long season for CSUS' men's basketball

With all of the problems the team faced, it's understandable why they finished with a dismal 7-22 record. Fortunately, there are signs that the team may be turning around to someday become the "flagship program" envisioned by Athletic Director Tom Pucci.

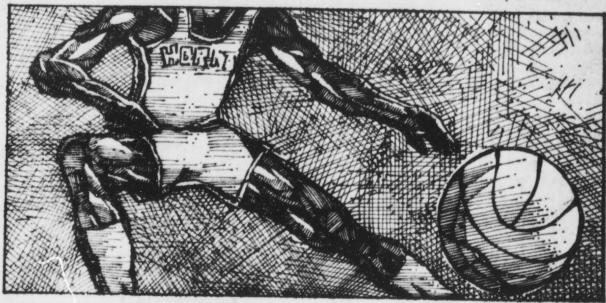
And clearly, the Hornets need better players, although some of the current ones, particularly guard Marvin Epps and forwards Vernon Durham and Simon Ziegler, should continue to make solid contributions to

Realistically though, it would take a near-miracle to turn the team around in one year. As interim coach Fred Lewis found to his frustration, there are several

Sports Commentary

The hiring of University of Arkansas assistant coach Bill Brown as CSUS' coach was the first major step toward rebuilding the team

problems with the program. "Little" things like a lack of game films, needed to properly prepare for games, all add up to what he called "a comedy of errors."



Without a captain, a "flagship" has no sense of direction. Brown, with four years of tutelage under Eddie Sutton, has all of the credentials to be a fine

Brown's skill as a recruiter will be put to a rigorous test now that CSUS has gone to scholarship status. Convincing young players to come to CSUS, a school without much c basketball tradition, will be difficult.

It's hard to fault Lewis for his criticism because, sadly, he's right. Even Pucci agrees that CSUS is far from a first-class Division II athletic program.

More than a coaching change will be needed to remedy the situation.

It's going to be a long road back, but Brown seems capable of making the trip.

Gymnasts impressive, but fall

A surprising thing happened at the four-team gymnastics meet Friday night at San Jose State A Division II team knocked off two Division I schools to win the meet. Unfortunately, it wasn't CSUS that did the

However, the Hornets performed impressively despite finishing behind the other three teams and losing to fourth-ranked Southwest Texas for the second time in three days.

The CSUS gymnasts continued improving their ways by collecting their highest point total of the year. missing the magic mark of 170 by one-tenth.

The competition Friday was tough with Division I schools, Oregon State and San Jose State in attendance. The Hornets stayed in the

hunt the whole meet and, according all-around title at the Wednesday were complimented by the meet's judges for their display of team spirit.

Southwest Texas defeated the Hornets last Wednesday 169.70 to 167.80 at CSUS.

After the Texans outscored the Hornets in the vault by two-tenths, CSUS used its score on the uneven bars to take the lead in the meet. Ranked ninth going into the meet, the Hornets outscored Southwest Texas in the bars 42.60 to 41.95 and were ahead after two events.

"We lost it on beam," said coach Kim Hughes. "It was a fun meet. lots of energy. But there's a good possibility we would have beaten them and hit 170 if we'd have hit beam."

Karen Atwater captured another

meet with a score of 35.00. Her top event score was a 9.05 on the bars.

Boosembark continued to show why she will be a major force on next year's team by scoring an 8.70 on vault in Wednesday's meet and a 9.20 on the floor exercise in San Jose.

"I was really surprised," she said. 'I just did it the best way I knew how. It didn't seem like a 9.20, but it's the judges' decision and I'll go with it."

As the Hornets wind down this season, they get closer and closer to the thought of competing in the national championships.

As it stands, the Hornets would have to win the regional championships to attend as a team, a tall order considering that Seattle-Pacific, who beat the Hornets in the Chico Jamboree, will be in attendance.

Women capture opener

by Karen S. Garrido Staff Reporter of The State Hornet

The CSUS women's softball team had a busy weekend, sweeping a double-header from CSU Hayward at home and traveling Saturday to Sonoma State University where they split two games.

The Hornets dazzled their home crowd Friday in what Coach E. J. McConkie said was "a beautiful first inning." Lori Lopez started the Hornets off with a single, followed by Stephanie Levine's sacrifice of Lopez to second. Lopez advanced to third on a passed ball, and Cheryl Rivera sacrificed to score Lopez, giving the Hornets a 1-0 lead.

CSUS gained two more runs in the fifth when Lopez again hit a single, driving in Mayo Ruiz, who also singled, and Darci Brownell, who walked, bringing the final score at the end of the first game to 3-2.

In the second game CSUS scored all three of their winning runs in the second inning. "It was bad throws that helped us out in this game," said McConkie. The Hornets scored two runs on an overthrow. "But we likewise made errors," said Mc-

Two Hayward players smacked triples and, in both cases, CSUS players missed relays, allowing the runners to score. Fortunately, despite the errors by both teams, CSUS prevailed 3-2.

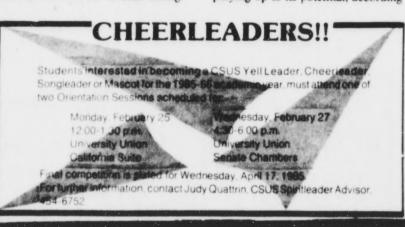
On Saturday, the Hornets traveled to Rohnert Park where they met Sonoma in another double-header. Terri Beyer had an outstanding day at the plate, hitting 2-3 in both games and did a good job at third base, said McConkie.

Darci Brownell also hit 2-3 with one RBI in the second game. "We've been hitting the ball better in the second game than in the first for whatever reasons," said McConkie.

The Hornets had four hits in their first game, which they lost to Sonoma 1-2. However, the Hornets came back to beat the Cossacks 1-0 with seven hits in the second game.

After this successful weekend, CSUS brought their win-loss record to 3-3. McConkie said she's confident that "if we stay strong on detense, the bats are going to come through. We just have to wake up on offense."

The next home game is today against CSC Stanislaus at 1 p.m.



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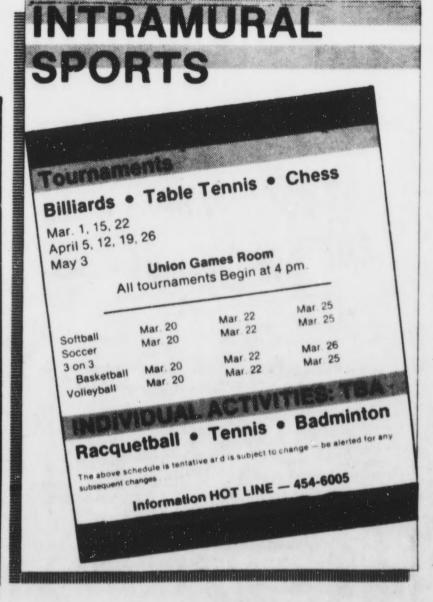
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Even cowboys get the swingin' blues

by Margaret Sabol and Sandra Arnaudo Staff Reporters of The State Hornet

Just as clothing styles of years past are periodically brought back into fashion, so are the dances of our parents and grandparents. Touch dancing is one of those trends that has enjoyed a recent revitalization.

Although country swing has passed the fad stage, said Ricardo Salazar of Salazar Dance Studio, people are still getting into the swing of touch dancing.

People from all age groups are learning country swing. "It's not difficult to learn," said Salazar. "You just have to have patience and want to

Country swing has its origins in folk dancing and the dances from the big band era. "For instance, the country swing two-step is based on the Fox Trot," said Salazar.

Salazar has found that even people who don't consider themselves country-western fans are enjoying country swing dancing. "It's more than just the music," said Salazar, "they enjoy the touch dancing."

Salazar, who has been dancing since age 5 and instructing since 14, specializes in all dance styles. "We teach swing-style, ballroom, latin and country swing," he said.

In 1983, the 22-year-old dance enthusiast competed in the U.S. Swing Championship and ranked 13 out of 26. He will compete again in November with a partner and his own choreographed routine.

His parents, both professional dancers, help their son and the four instructors who teach at the studio. A special Learning Exchange program whose booklet is distributed on campus, is offered once a month.

"We teach all levels from social to country, and beginning level to competition level," Salazar added.

For country-music fans and country-swing lovers, finding a place to dance isn't hard. Several bars and dance halls are offering live entertainment including The Yellow Rose, formerly called Renshaws, 5809 Auburn Blvd., The RainTree, 8200 Douglas and Sierra College in Roseville, and The Brass Horse, 13407 Folsom Blvd.

Salazar's Dance Studio, 2326 Fair Oaks Blvd., offers instruction from 3-10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturday by appointment only.

Having fun in the heart of the French Riviera

by Garth Stapley Special to The State Horner

"Congratulations," the Sacramento State International Programs secretary told me last May. "You've been selected to study abroad next year in France. Here, fill out these forms." She shoved a huge stack of papers into my hands. "Work hard, and have fun."

The following August I got off the plane, my head whirling and my stomach churning. "Where's the bathroom?" I gasped.

"Sorry, kid — there are no public bathrooms in France," said my resident director. But don't worry, the bus ride is only an hour or so. Hey, cheer up.

My roommate from CSU Fullerton and I lugged our baggage through the dog poop speckled streets of Aix-en-Provence, looking for our apartment. "It's a good thing it rains all the time here." I said, sidestepping another mound of

"Maybe we'll get used to it," Mark, my roommmate, replied, scraping between the wheels on his suitcase with a stick. "But I doubt it."

When we found the apartment, I asked the lady on the ground floor where the elevator was. She laughed in my face. At least someone's having fun, I

"There are no elevators on this side of town," she cackled. "This building was here before your country was founded."

We hauled our suitcases up five flights. "At least there's no dog crap on the

Inspection of our new dwelling yielded two mattresses, a table and 184 cockroaches "Don't the French have garbage disposals, microwaves or dish washersaid Mark, with a forced smile. "We're going to have fun." I wondered out loud.

"I think it's charming." Time passed, and eventually we found some girls (whose legs weren't too hairy) that wanted to take us dancing. This could be fun, I thought. But the nice man at the door held out his hand. "Seven bucks apiece," he said.

"What?" I stared, "I've never paid more than a two dollar coverage charge back home."

"The rules are different here," said the man.

I looked at Mark and he shrugged. "When in Rome, do as the Romans." I forked over the bucks.

"Plus two dollars to check your coats," said the nice man. "And have fun." It took me awhile, but I finally figured out what was missing in this city life, so I talked five other Americans into climbing a nearby mountain for an overnight camping trip. The bus driver let us off at the wrong place, we got lost on the way up, and everybody blamed me

"Don't worry," I reassured them. "There's supposed to be a full moon tonight. Boy is this going to be fun."

The moon did rise on the other side of the mountain. We climbed the last hour and a half in the darkness. When we finally reached the summit, the lodge was full of smoke because the chimney wasn't working.

I went outside and found a nice grassy spot. "This looks like just the place," I said, crouching down to feel the dew in the darkness and placing my hand directly on a fresh pile of dog crap. I spent the night in the smokey lodge.

The next morning, everyone was dying of thirst and they all blamed me for not bringing any water. So I found a beautiful little mountain stream with sparkling clear water. We all decided it had been a fun trip despite the problems. The next two days, all six of us were violently ill and my friends hated me with a passion. One of them had soaked his blistered foot in the stream - his foot swelled up to twice its size and turned black. I considered leaving town.

Sometime later, my roommate and I discussed our home campuses. "I never thought I'd admit it, but I think I actually miss Sac State," I said. "You can sit on the grass there.

"Yeah, and nothing closes at noon for three hours and girls take a shower every day," Mark chimed in.

"And dogs poop in their own back yards," I said. "You know, I'm really looking forward to Thanksgiving vacation."

"Think again, stupid. There were no pilgrims in France."

"That's right," I mumbled. "Too bad. It might have been fun."

Then the weather turned cold — really cold. It snowed and no one knew what to do as it hadn't snowed in 15 years. "Some French Riviera," I mumbled to myself, half-frozen on the way home from school. But at least the dog crap was frozen, too. That is, it didn't stick to the soles of my shoes.

My resident director called me into his office. "Don't worry about the bad grades," he said, with a tired voice. "It's perfectly normal when you study in another language. Just concentrate on doing your best and have some fun."

"I'm tired of hearing about all the fun I'm supposed to be having," I said. "France is nice — Pierre Cardin and Perrier and all — but I'm having problems figuring out the rules. What do YOU do for fun?"

"Me?" He leaned back in this cushioned armchair. "I forget about the dog poop, and I think about California," he said.

I went to the store and bought some hamburger and an international American newspaper. Then I went home and made a cheeseburger, put on a Bruce Springsteen tape and read a follow-up on the Superbowi. The sun beamed in my warm room and I thought I heard a bird singing in the distance.

Mark poked his head in the room. "What's going on?" he asked.

"Leave me alone," I said. "I'm having fun.

Advice guides the hopelessly hopeless

by Bill Stancik Editorial Board of The State Hornet

Ann Landers has never helped me. Nor has her sister, Abby. As far as I know, neither have their parents. It is not that they are useless to me, but I care little about what to do when a wife of 40 years runs off with a man who sells insurance and novelty goods or if one's teen-age daughter comes home pregnant and has the list of potential fathers whittled down to 12, three names less than those tattooed on her back and shoul-

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Note: although these are potential universal truths, they are not meant to override the accepted international codes of safety and courtesy; please exercise caution and never leave shoelaces untied.

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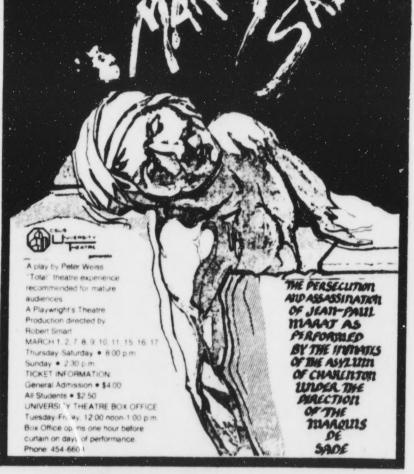
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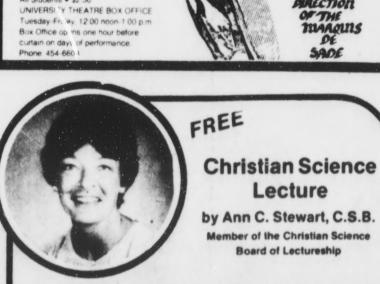
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• On time management: procrastination isn't a bad habit, it's an alternative lifestyle. Always remember that term papers are never to be started until Ed McMahon introduces Johnny's guests the night before the due date.

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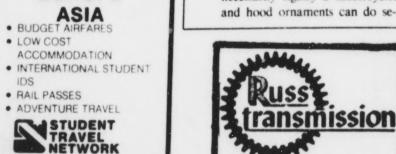




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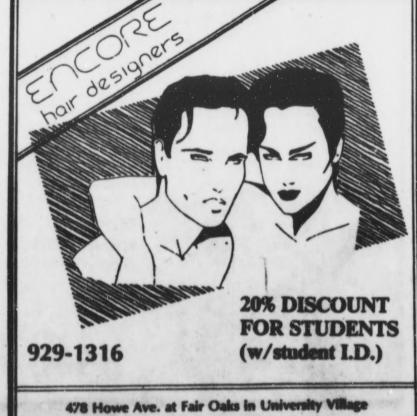
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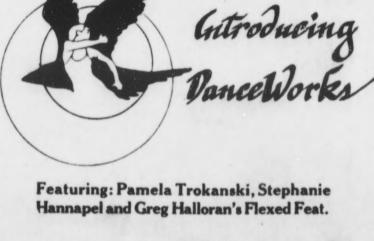
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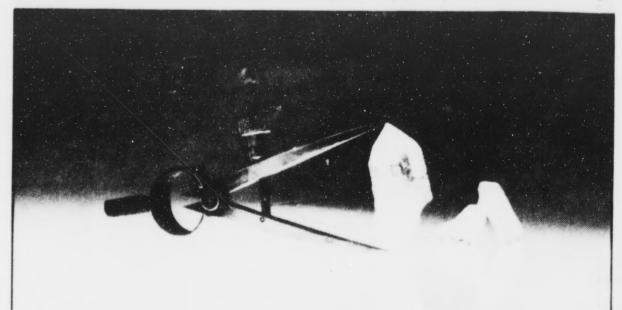
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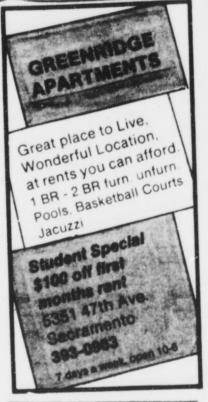
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